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SUBJECT: POPE PAUL VI ON MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE

DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY CAIRO

IN ADDRESS TO CROWDS AT NOV. 14 PUBLIC AUDIENCE, POPE PAUL
MADE THE FOLLOWING APPEAL FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE
EAST CONFLICT:

"ON THE MIDDLE EAST HORIZON, RECENTLY CLOUDED BY THE
RECURRENCE OF A BLODDY CONFLICT, THE LIGHT OF HOPE IS AGAIN
VISIBLE.

"WE WISH TO EXPRESS HERE OUR PRAISE, OUR APPRECIATION FOR
THOSE WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND FOR THOSE WHO COLLABORATED IN
WEAVING WITH CONFIDENT PATIENCE THE THREAD OF A CEASEFIRE
AGREEMENT, WHICH SEEMED COMPROMISED AT ITS BEGINNING, IN ORDER
TO OPEN THE WAY TO EARLY PROSPECTIVES OF A PEACE CONFERENCE
FOR WHICH, PERHAPS NEVER AS IN THIS PERIOD, ONE HAS FELT SUCH
URGENCY BEFORE THE DANGER OF A THREATENED WORSENING OF THE
SITUATION.

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"AND WE WISH, TOGETHER, TO SEND AGAIN TO ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE

OUR WORDS OF EXHORTATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO MOVE WITH FAR-REACHING WISDOM AND DECIDED WILL SO THAT THE RENEWED HOPE WILL NOT AGAIN BE DELUDED, BUT CAN INSTEAD BE CROWNED--EVEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF A PATH WHICH WILL NOT BE EASY OR BRIEF--BY A DEFINITIVE AND ACCEPTED PEACEFUL SOLUTION: A SOLUTION WHICH, TAKING EQUALLY INTO ACCOUNT THE RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE CLAIMS OF EACH OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES, WILL GIVE STABLE AND SECURE TRANQUILLITY TO THOSE REGIONS AND THOSE PEOPLES, DEAR TO ALL OF US, MANY OF WHOM HAVE SUFFERED ALREADY TOO MUCH AND MUCH TOO LONG.

"OUR THOUGHTS AT THIS POINT CANNOT BUT GO, WITH PARTICULAR INTENSITY OF INTERESTS AND AFFECTION, TO THE LAND AND THE CITY WHICH FOR SO MANY REASONS AND BY SO MANY BELIEVERS ARE CONSIDERED AND CALLED HOLY.

"IN THIS PHASE WHICH MUST PRELUDE AND SET THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO THE BEGINNING OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, OUR TREPIDATION TURNS IN A SPECIAL MANNER TO THE PRISONERS, AND FIRSTLY TO THOSE WHO, BECAUSE OF THE WOUNDS RECEIVED IN THE CONFLICT, FIND THEMSELVES MORE EXPOSED TO SUFFERING AND TO DANGERS.

"WE HOPE WITH ALL OUR HEART AND WE INVOKE THAT THEY BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATIONS AND THEIR LOVED ONES, THUS BRINGING A FIRST, LIVING TESTIMONY OF THE NEW SENTIMENTS OF PEACE, ON WHICH WE ASK THE BLESSING OF GOD AND FOR WHICH WE INVITE THE WHOLE WORLD TO PRAYER." .VOLPE

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